

Request for Deputation

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Licensing Committee meeting 8th March 2016

Agenda Item 3.1 (Licensing Application Fees 2016 – 2017)

The action I wish the Committee to take:

As seen in Appendix 2b it is proposed that the fees for Grant and Renewal is increased by the amount of £5.00 per licence. The trade does not agree with this as we feel there are unresolved issues with past surpluses.

The trade are still waiting on a report from Paul Dixon (Accounting Manager) over the historic accounts for the taxi trade and were the surplus money that has been generated has gone. The main reason for the increase is that it is being projected that a new ramp will be needed for the inspections of taxis at a cost of £8400 and medical referrals will go up by £6000.00 due to a new tender that has happened.

Based on the surplus from 14/15 alone which was £21000.00 we can't see the need for the fees to be increased (there must be a way of getting this allocation back to the trade).

We appreciate that there is going to be a new enforcement officer starting but again to date we have not been told what the allocation of this persons duties will be to the taxi trade. If this is the case then how can the budget be an increase when there has been historical surpluses?

Where has the SURPLUS gone???

Until we have all the facts from the accounts for our trade then we ask the council to hold all licence fees at their current levels.

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